

Judiciary Committee
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House Bill No. 5488

Should eliminate anyone convicted of a Manslaughter charge and all violent crimes from receiving any credits for good behavior....

Public Act No. 11-51 really upsets me because this means that the person who killed my older brother (Anthony Amendola 2-28-1998), Frank Rosa is getting time reduced from his sentence, and has already received some of the credits about 200,. This is an outrage his sentence was already reduced when he accepted the plea bargain under the Alford Doctrine. His attorney knew he would have got convicted of "Murder" if he went before a jury. That is why they did a 3 judge panel.

When the attorney came to our family and said they were going to combine the drug charges and murder charges in one sentence, we never thought that his sentence someday would be decreased. Now looking back I wish my family and I did not agree to a plea bargain. Who would have know that human beings would ever think of coming up with a bill to let violent offenders off early. I just want to make this one last point that i will NEVER get to see my brother Anthony again!! Every again!! I had to graduate high school, college and get married without having my older brother there because someone took his life. Now Frank Rosa who took his life is in jail but can possible see his family and friends again early and enjoy his life. Well my family and I will never be able to enjoy our life. It is forever scared and pain that I hope no one would ever have to feel or deal with.. All the years my family and I had to deal with the lost of Anthony, Son, Brother and now this is a another insult to us after losing him and the pain we are dealing with from day to day this is another wound. This wound will never heal and will only make it worst to allow a convicted murdered to be released early.

This is a betrayal to my brother's memory.

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